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SUBJECT: BHUTTO' S CONDITION FOR RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH

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CONTINUING MENTION BY BHUTTO-- MOST RECENTLY IN
HEYKAL INTERVIEW-- OF DIVISION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
DPTWEEN PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH AS ITEM TO BD " SETTLED"
IN TALKS WITH MUJIB AS PART OF PRICE OF RECOGNITION, APPEARS
TO US INJECT TROUBLESOME NEW ELEMENT INTO ALREADY TROUBLED
SITUATION. ASSUMING BHUTTO IS SERIOUS IN DEMANDING RESOLUTION
FO ASSETS QUESTION AS PRE- CONDITION FOR RECOGNITION, MEETING WITH
MUJIB HE CLAIMS TO SEEK MADE EVEN LESS LIKELY THAN AT PRESENT.
EVEN IF BHUTTO' S DEMAND THAT HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DISPOSE OF
COMPLEX TECHNICAL QUESTION WERE NOT ITSELF UNORTHODOX,
INSISTENCE ON ASSETS SEMVEMENT AS PRICSCIN RECOGNITION LIKELY
FRIGHTEN BENGALLES
ALREADY CONSCIOUS OF THEIR LACK OF
EXPERTISE IN COMPLEX DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES AND AWARE THAT SITUATION
MIGHT PERMIT PAKS EXTORT SETTLEMENT TO GOP' S LIKING. SINCE
BHUTTO THINKING IN THIS LINE, BENGALTEE INTRANSIGENCE REGARD-
ING POWS - THEIR ONLY BARGINING COUNTER - LIKELY TO BE STREN-
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GTHENED. MOREOVER, BHUTTO' S ADDING EXTREMELY IMPORTANT SUB-
STANTIVE QUESTION TO HIS LIST OF PRE- CONDITIONS LIABLE
CONFIRM THAT HE IS UNTRUSTWORTHY. BENGALLEES MAY ARGUE THAT IF
BHUTTO
FALTERS PRE- CONDITIONS FOR RECOGNITION, HE COULD

WELL RATIONALIZE RENEGING ON RECOGNITION AFTER HE HAD BEEN
GIVEN HIS MEETING. ALL IN ALL, CONNECTING ASSETS QUESTION
TO RECOGNITION APPEARS TO US TO ADD DIFFICULTIES TO PROBLEM
OF RESOLVING SOUTH ASIAN IMPASSE.
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